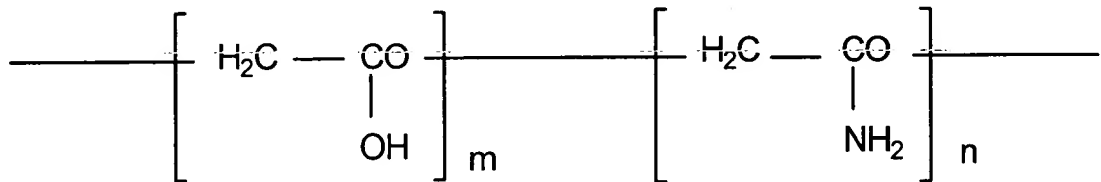


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 112.

Claims 1-111 (cancelled).

Claim 112 (currently amended): A creping adhesive composition comprising polyvinyl alcohol – vinyl amine copolymer of the following structure:



wherein m and n have values of 1 to 99 and 99 to 1 respectively and further comprising a sufficient amount of a crosslinking agent for crosslinking the copolymer to a fibrous web at a creping process drying surface, said agent being selected from zirconium compounds wherein the zirconium has a valence of +4, wherein the creping adhesive composition exhibits a peel force of at least about 300 grams per 12 inches of fibrous web.

Claim 113 (previously added): The creping adhesive of claim 112 wherein the zirconium compound is selected from the group consisting of ammonium zirconium carbonate, zirconium acetylacetonate, zirconium acetate, zirconium carbonate, zirconium sulfate, zirconium phosphate, potassium zirconium carbonate, zirconium sodium phosphate and sodium zirconium tartrate.

Claim 114 (previously added): The creping adhesive of claim 112 wherein the zirconium compound is ammonium zirconium carbonate.

Claim 115 (previously added): The creping adhesive of claim 112 wherein m and n have values of 1 to 99 and 2 to 20 respectively.

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Claim 116 (previously added): The creping adhesive of claim 115 wherein the zirconium compound is selected from the group consisting of ammonium zirconium carbonate, zirconium acetylacetonate, zirconium acetate, zirconium carbonate, zirconium sulfate, zirconium phosphate, potassium zirconium carbonate, zirconium sodium phosphate, and sodium zirconium tartrate.

Claim 117 (previously added): The creping adhesive of claim 115 wherein the zirconium compound is ammonium zirconium carbonate.

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